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## General Comment

I oppose this exemption. Allowing the exclusion of preventative health services for some women based on their employers' religious practices is a violation of freedom and privacy.

Contraceptive prescriptions are needed for a number of medical reasons in addition to the prevention of childbirth.

A woman should not have to seek approval and disclose personal health information in order to obtain an override to get contraception for medical conditions, and a woman should be allowed coverage for contraception for the sole purpose of preventing pregnancy for whatever reason, including that they may not be able to financially provide for a child in this current difficult economy.